

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2018 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall on Monday evening, December 3, 2018. Commissioners Mike Meerpohl, Twila White, Dan Brenner and Tim Morris were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present.

Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the November 19, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Kramer spoke to the commission to voice his concerns about the lack of trash pick up at Apple Valley apartments. Their trash had not been picked up in 3 weeks at the 20 unit complex and trash is blowing all over. Kerwin McKee, City Manager, explained that the city has gotten involved, along with the State of Kansas, and the trash is getting picked up.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between November 20, 2018 and December 3, 2018, were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2222. Tim Morris moved and Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT: The Housing Authority Board has been notified that Marilyn Wenk has resigned her resident position on the board. They have suggested Sarah Bahner to replace her. Dan Brenner moved to appoint Sarah Bahner to the Housing Authority Board. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

MEET & GREET: New police officer, Matthew Storey, was introduced to the commission. Storey was stationed at Ft. Riley when he met his wife. They moved back to his home state of Texas where he got his associates degree in criminal justice. He is currently working on his bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Commissioners welcomed Storey to the city.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION: The Jackson County Commission recently approved a new Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Jackson County providing property tax rebates as an incentive to build or remodel in the county. They invited the City of Holton to participate in the program. Mike Meerpohl made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-004 allowing participation in the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

SITZLER FUND: Kerwin McKee, City Manager, reminded commissioners that it is that time of year again for distribution of the Sitzler Fund. If they are aware of anyone needing utility assistance, please give their name to City Clerk Teresa Riley.

McKee asked the commission if they would consider giving employees December 24 and December 31 as paid holidays to make a nice four day weekend for employees to enjoy with their families. Dan Brenner made a motion to approve December 24 and December 31 as paid holidays. Tim Morris seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Twila White thanked all city employees who worked during the recent blizzard.

Bob Dieckmann thanked the parade participants and those who watched. He also asked if we could rethink the can size for the trash. McKee said he had already talked to the trash company

and since that was our contract that would be what we will have. Dieckmann also wants to know why we don't get paged out first to incidents.

Tim Morris asked that foreman report activities when superintendent is on vacation.

Dan Brenner asked if the city allows people to stand on a corner with signs soliciting money, and do we have any help available to people who are stranded.

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk